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Docket No. GC369-2A-US

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
Diaz-Torres, Maria et al.)
Serial No.: 09/308,207)
Filed: May 13, 1999)
For: Method for Recombinant)
Production of 1,3-Propanediol)

Group Art: 1652
Examiner: M. Walicka

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Director of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's requirement that a single elected species be elected, Applicants hereby elect the invention in Group I, claims 1-31, drawn to an improved method for production of 1-3-propanediol by a modified microorganism comprising glycerol or diol dehydratase, glycerol-3-phosphatase, protein X, and protein 1, or protein 2, or protein 3; classified in class 435, subclass 158.

Applicants reserve the right to file subsequent applications claiming the non-elected subject matter and do not waive any of their rights or abandon any non-elected subject matter. Applicants have fully and completely responded to the Office Action and have made the required election. This application is now in order for early action.

Respectfully submitted,

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